

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Claims 22-45 were allowed in the instant application in a Notice of Allowance dated September 26, 2005. In this Request for Continued Examination, claim 22 has been amended to delete the term “unfused” before the recitation of “GLP-1 polypeptides” to provide proper antecedent basis for “GLP-1 polypeptides.” Claim 45 has also been amended to depend on only claim 22, rather than on claims 22-43 or 44 as previously recited. Thus, the amendments reflect minor editorial changes to the already allowed claims and are fully supported by the specification.

Claims 46-78 have been added in this Amendment. The new claims are directed to “[a]n albumin fusion proteins comprising two or more tandemly oriented GLP-1 polypeptides,” wherein the GLP-1 polypeptides comprise specific sequences (claim 46 and its dependent claims 47-65), the albumin fusion protein comprises specific sequences (claim 66 and its dependent claims 67-75), or the fusion protein is produced from a host cell comprising the amino acid sequence of the 3070 construct contained in ATCC Deposit No. PTA-4671 (claim 76 and its dependent claims 77-78). Support for the new claims can be found throughout the originally-filed specification, for example, in Table 1, pages 49-50; in Table 2 on pages 126, 130-131, 133-137, and 144; in Table 3, page 150; page 218, paragraph [283]; and in Example 116 at pages 587-588. Thus, the new claims are fully supported by the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 be entered by the Office, placing claims 22-78 in condition for allowance. Applicants

submit that the proposed amendments of claims 22 and 45 and new claims 46-78 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Office, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Office.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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